



BLOOMINGTON FARMER’S MARKET DEBUTS
LOCATED AT CIVIC PLAZA

HERE’S YOUR CHANCE TO BUY PRODUCTS from local farmers, growers and producers. The City of Bloomington Farmer’s Market will be held on **Saturdays, July 7 to October 6, 7 a.m. - noon**, in the east parking lot of Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. For more information, call 952-563-8877 or e-mail farmersmarket@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

DISABILITY AWARENESS EMPLOYMENT MONTH
COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

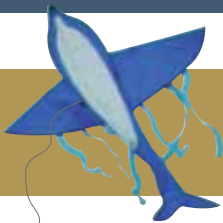


THE DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT Awareness Month Committee is looking for new members to assist in planning for the October 2007 Disability Employment Awareness Month Activities. The committee focuses on raising awareness of the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities; and providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to learn valuable job searching skills and to receive important information for securing employment. If you are interested in becoming a committee member or for more information, call Melissa Wurst-Persaud at 952-563-4950.

HIGH SCHOOL JOB FAIR
A VALUABLE YOUTH RESOURCE

MEET EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE YOUTH, ages 15 - 18, and receive applications on the spot at the High School Job Fair, **Saturday, April 14, noon - 3 p.m.**, at the Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. High school students will have the opportunity to attend valuable seminars on interviewing, the hiring process and more. The event is sponsored by the Bloomington United for Youth, City of Bloomington, Bloomington High Schools and Northwestern Health Sciences University.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



KITE DAY 2007
CELEBRATING CHILDREN’S DAY IN JAPAN

IN HONOR OF CHILDREN’S DAY, A JAPANESE NATIONAL holiday that celebrates the health and happiness of all children, Bloomington Sister City Organization and the City of Bloomington are cosponsoring Kite Day 2007. Bring your own kite or receive one on site. This free, family event, featuring entertainment and refreshments, will be held at Valley View Playfields, 90th Street and Portland Avenue, **Saturday, May 5, 1 - 4 p.m.** For more information, call 952-563-8713.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES
ATTEND THE SALES OR HOLD YOUR OWN

THERE ARE THREE GREAT WAYS TO CLEAN up this spring. Set items out for the Curbside Cleanup, *see page 4*; donate usable items to charitable organizations; or sell your unwanted treasures at the Citywide Garage Sales, sponsored by the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation (formerly sponsored by Human Services), **Thursday - Saturday, May 31 - June 2**. Registration is \$20 (\$15 without a yard sign) and includes a yard sign, advertising and individual listing in the official registry of sale addresses. For more information, call Jim Meyers at 952-831-3798. Registration forms are available at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S., Edward Jones Valley West Office, 3920 W. Old Shakopee Road, Richfield-Bloomington Credit Unions, 345 E. 77th St., Richfield or 4025 W. Old Shakopee Road. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 16. Download forms at the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Garage sale.



Purchase garage sale lists for \$2 beginning May 30 at Edward Jones Valley West Office, 3920 W. Old Shakopee Road. Lists will also be available on the the City’s Web site.

BLOOMINGTON YOUTH SERVICE DAYS
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



HEY KIDS! GET INVOLVED IN YOUR community and take part in one of several youth service opportunities coordinated by Human Services throughout April. Projects may include tree and shrub plantings, park and street cleanups or helping senior citizens. Youth and youth groups that volunteer for City-sponsored programs will be invited to attend the **Mayor’s Volunteer Breakfast Buffet on April 14**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information, call Kerry Stone at 952-563-8737, TTY 952-563-8740 or e-mail kstone@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

CARNIVAL EVENT HONORS CHILDREN
BLOOMINGTON LOVES ITS KIDS

SINCE 1994, CEDAR VALLEY CHURCH HAS sponsored a banquet honoring children in cooperation with the Bloomington Loves Its Kids monthlong celebration in February. This year, more than 400 children enjoyed puppets, carnival games, large inflatables, dinner ordered from kid-friendly menus and a character-building entertainment program. The Bloomington Police Explorers were also on hand, along with McGruff, The Crime Dog.



WHAT’S HAPPENING

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, 9801 Penn Ave. S., houses the Human Services’ Senior Program. For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-4957.

CINCO DE MAYO MEAL

May is Older Americans Month. To kick off the monthlong celebration, Creekside will hold a special Cinco de Mayo meal on **Friday, May 4**. Seating begins at 11:30 a.m.; serving begins at 11:45 a.m. Reservations are required. Call 952-563-4948, April 25 - May 2, before noon. Meal cost is \$5; \$3.25/age 60 and older. In honor of Diversity Day on May 4, diners are encouraged to wear or bring something unique to celebrate their diverse backgrounds.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



The Creekside Needleworkers meet **Thursday mornings** to create blankets, mittens, hats and other clothing items. Last year, the group donated more than 2,000 items to community organizations such as the Veterans Hospital, Children’s Hospital, Project Linus and the Cancer Society. To learn more about the Creekside Needleworkers, stop by Creekside.

SPRING WALKING CLUB

The Spring Walking Club will meet **Tuesday mornings in May** at Creekside and travel to scenic Twin Cities parks and paths. The group will board the bus at 8:30 a.m. and return at 11:30 a.m. (12:30 p.m. return on May 29 following a picnic lunch). Cost is \$45. For more information, call 952-563-8877 or e-mail parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

FUN WALK TO BE HELD
NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY



CELEBRATE NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH and Fitness Day with a leisurely walk in a beautiful setting, **Wednesday, May 30, 9 a.m.**, at Normandale Lake, 84th and Chalet Road. Refreshments and entertainment by the Classic Country Music Jam will be provided at the bandshell. To register, call 952-563-8877 or e-mail parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us.